scheme for control of Goitre and other Iodine deficiency disorders which is being implemented with effect from April. 1986 envisages iodisation of entire edible salt in the country in a phased manner to be completed by the year 1952.

The State/Union Territory Governments have been advised to ban sale of non-iodised salt under the Prevention of Food Auldteration Act.

Improvement of train services on Sahebgunj loop line

2519. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of trains running in Sahebgunj loop line:

(b) whether Government are aware that the passengers of Sahebgunj loop line are agitating for introduction of more trains. improvement of train services, timely running of trains on that line;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and whether more trains on that line are proposed to be introduced;

(d) if so, when and what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 18 and 15 pairs of passengers carrying trains are running daily on Khana-Barharwa and Kiul-Barharwa sections of Sahebgunj loop, respectively. In addition, 4 such trains run on weekly/triweekly/4 days a week basis.

(b) There have been representations to this effect.

(c) to(e) Introduction of adidtional trains on this section is not feasible at present due to severe line capacity constraints. However, in regard to various improvements made, a statement is attached.

Statement

Improvement of train services on Sahibganj loop line

1. 337/338 Sealdah-Gaya Passenger bifurcated at Rampurhat to provide commuter service on Sahibganj-Rampurhat section.

2. 321/22 *which used to run* between Rampurhat-Rajgram extended upto Tibhita.

3. 57/58 Kanchenjunga Express provided stoppages at Rampurhat and Sainthia.

5. 155/156 Tinsukia Mail provided stoppage at Barharwa.

5. 331/332 Sealdah-Gaya Passenger and 33/334 Howrah-Bhagalpur Passenger bifurcasted at Azimganj in order to improve their punctuality.

6. 55/56 Mayurakshi Fast Passenger which used to run between Howrah-Sainthia extended upto Rampurhat.

Mayurakashi Express

2520. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS: be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mayurakshi Express is running in time daily;

(b) if not, what area the details thereof: and

(c) what is the number of days when this train reached its destination in time, during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to(c) Mayurakshi Fast Passenger reached right time at its destination Rampurhat on 90 days and Howrah on 70 days during April, May and